



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 5.9
Soil moisture supplies: 7% very short, 20% short, 63% adequate and 10% surplus

Field Crops Report
The floodwaters from the Mississippi River have kept land behind the levee flooded and seep water remained a problem in some fields near the river. Rice planting continued to progress. Winter wheat was nearly ripe for harvest. Grain farmers have slowed planting of sorghum and soybeans because of moisture concerns. However, there are a few reports of soybean producers with early planting of 4s and 5s. With the exception of rice, all crops could benefit from additional moisture. Some rice producers flushed rice fields and put fields on permanent flood but are holding flood off on drilled rice fields. Herbicide applications continued for most crops. Sugarcane producers sprayed and fertilized cane.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops
Citrus producers scouted for insects. Vegetable producers harvested crops and worked spring and summer crops. Crawfish producers drained low or poor producing fields in preparation for planting. Sweet potato producers prepared fields for planting.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report
Pastures were in need of moisture. Cattlemen cut hay. Cool weather hindered summer grass emergence, but the dry weather helped ryegrass hay production.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2007	5 YR AVG
Corn	Emerged	99	96	99	97
Cotton	Planted	49	18	17	33
	Emerged	20	0	10	16
Hay	First Cutting	22	14	12	13
Rice	Planted	86	78	78	80
	Emerged	69	59	65	65
Sorghum	Planted	74	60	83	59
	Emerged	54	31	68	41
Soybeans	Planted	48	31	27	30
	Emerged	20	0	15	18
Winter Wheat	Headed	99	97	98	96
	Turning Color	46	7	23	23
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	89	84	91	91

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	2	17	62	19
Rice	0	3	20	72	5
Sugarcane	1	4	41	42	12
Wheat	0	1	23	60	16
Livestock	1	4	34	53	8
Vegetables	1	9	41	43	6
Pasture	3	11	35	45	6

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 04/21/08 TO 04/27/08

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY	FOUR	YR. TO	
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	WEEKS	DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	87	59	73	66	0.49	3.01	14.06	17.97
Minden	86	51	71	66	0.21	3.02	15.39	19.79
Mooringsport	84	56	72	MM	0.54	3.01	14.98	16.30
Extreme/Average	87	51	72	67	0.41	3.01	14.81	18.29
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	88	52	71	66	0.02	2.84	11.53	20.75
Homer/Hill Farm	86	53	70	65	0.16	2.95	13.58	19.97
ULM-Monroe	90	53	71	67	0.09	2.86	11.49	22.05
Columbia Lock	88	(44)	68	MM	0.32	3.35	13.65	22.81
Extreme/Average	90	44	70	67	0.15	3.00	12.56	20.87
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	86	54	69	66	0.40	3.04	16.80	23.07
LSU-St Joseph	(91)	46	72	67	0.34	3.59	17.12	22.64
LSU-Winnsboro	91	53	72	67	0.89	4.12	17.37	22.02
Tallulah	86	55	70	66	0.50	3.64	18.78	22.52
Extreme/Average	91	46	71	67	0.53	3.60	17.52	22.48
4. West-Central								
Leesville	88	52	73	67	0.32	1.63	15.12	19.75
LSU-Rosepine	86	54	73	67	0.31	2.08	15.72	19.48
Natchitoches	86	50	71	67	0.00	7.81	20.02	19.62
Extreme/Average	88	50	72	67	0.21	3.84	16.95	19.58
5. Central								
Alexandria	86	56	73	68	0.78	3.71	19.66	21.33
Brusly	88	49	72	68	0.20	1.58	17.77	22.25
Bunkie	89	53	74	68	1.15	2.60	18.10	22.31
LSU-Alexandria	87	54	73	68	1.95	4.38	19.35	20.32
Extreme/Average	89	49	73	69	1.02	3.07	18.72	21.38
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	88	53	73	MM	1.13	2.86	15.97	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	89	48	73	68	0.17	2.32	16.75	20.83
LSU-Clinton	88	47	70	67	0.13	2.88	19.04	22.96
LSU-Hammond	88	51	72	68	0.20	1.72	17.54	23.09
Slidell	85	55	71	69	0.66	7.89	21.89	21.81
Extreme/Average	89	47	72	69	0.46	3.53	18.24	22.87
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	88	53	73	68	2.00	4.14	21.78	20.03
Jennings	87	59	74	69	2.42	4.05	20.40	18.10
LSU-Crowley	89	59	74	70	1.45	2.20	18.05	18.84
Extreme/Average	89	53	74	70	1.96	3.46	20.08	18.32
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	86	53	73	69	0.66	1.90	13.29	20.51
LSU-Jeanerette	90	56	75	69	0.25	2.25	12.84	18.29
Morgan City	85	55	72	69	2.37	2.94	12.72	18.82
Extreme/Average	90	53	73	70	1.09	2.36	12.95	19.19
9. Southeast								
Galliano	84	56	72	70	2.90	3.33	20.54	20.08
Houma	88	52	73	70	0.75	2.46	11.42	19.13
Terrytown 3S	88	59	74	MM	3.95	8.39	24.51	MM.MM
Reserve	85	56	72	69	0.80	2.78	16.41	22.27
Extreme/Average	88	52	73	70	2.10	4.24	18.22	20.62
State								
State Averages	91	44	72	68	0.98	3.38	17.06	20.44

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through April 27, 2008

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